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Maryland Pastel Society presents "New Perspectives" Exhibit at Kentlands Mansion

Gaithersburg, MD – (June 13, 2019) *Arts on the Green* presents "New Perspectives," an exhibit featuring works by the Maryland Pastel Society, at Kentlands Mansion, July 12 through September 9, 2019. The public is invited to meet the artists at a free reception on Thursday, August 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The <u>Maryland Pastel Society</u>, founded in 1977, is a nonprofit organization devoted to the promotion and development of professional, original works of art in the medium of soft pastel and to the creative and technical development of its members. It is the oldest state society and is an active member of the International Association of Pastel Societies. While the Society had its roots in the Baltimore area, its more than 200 members come from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

This exhibit was juried by <u>David Lawton</u>, a past president of the Maryland Pastel Society with more than thirty years' experience as a pastel artist and oil painter. Lawton has studied with many nationally known artists in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions and his paintings have won awards in national competitions and have been featured in several art publications. Lawton is both a studio and plein air painter and sought after painting instructor who is currently focusing on pastel landscapes and still life.

Located at 320 Kent Square Road, the Mansion Gallery offers the opportunity to view art in the beautiful, timeless setting of historic Kentlands Mansion. Because the Mansion is frequently rented for private events, viewing hours are Monday through Friday by appointment only. Please call the Mansion at 301-258-6425 prior to your visit.

Please note that most of the artwork is for sale and all images are copyrighted by the artists. For more information, please contact Shellie Williams at 301-258-6394, e-mail shellie.williams@gaithersburgmd.gov, or visit Kentlands Mansion at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

About Arts on the Green

Arts on the Green is the City of Gaithersburg's home for the performing and visual arts. Enjoy exhibits, concerts and theater performances at the Arts Barn and Kentlands Mansion and outdoor events and festivals on the park-like Green. Or join us for educational opportunities in one of our teaching studios, resident artist studios or theatre. Our historic buildings recall the charm of a bygone era, but our activities are anything but old fashioned.

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